ESTHER MARIAH DAVIES MURDOCK



Esther Mariah Davies was born March 13, 1838 at Pickerington, Canada, daughter of Franklin Judson Davies and Ann Richmond. Married Nymphas Coridon Murdock

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December 6, 1857. Died November 12, 1909.

Esther Mariah Davies, was the second wife of Nymphas Coridon Murdock. When a child, her father owned a sugar bush. They made syrup and brown sugar.

They later came to Nauvoo. Her father taught school and was a wheelwright by trade. Brigham Young had him stay in Nauvoo to help make wheels and wagons. Her mother died on the way to Salt Lake.

In Salt Lake she later worked as a milliner. They always divided food with others and Brigham Young promised her father that neither they, nor their childrens' children should ever want for bread.

She married Nymphus Coridon Murdock in Salt Lake Endowment House December 6, 1857. They were alloted land by Brigham Young where the Newhouse Hotel stands. They built a two-story adobe home there.

She was the mother of nine children.

She always found time to help others. In the summer she and her children used to take the dairy cows up to the big spring in Deckers Canyon. She made wonderful butter and cheese. She was president of the Young Women's Mutual for some time. She and others often sat under the Dry Creek bridge patting their babies all night to keep them from crying for fear of Indians.

She was truly a noble mother and pioneer.



Elizabeth Chadwick

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(2) Nymphus Coridon Murdock